

# **INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT**

## **BETWEEN**

**CLARK COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF BATTLE GROUND, CAMAS, LACENTER,  
RIDGEFIELD, VANCOUVER, WASHOUGAL, WOODLAND AND THE TOWN OF  
YACOLT**

## **FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING SURCHARGE FUNDS GENERATED AS A RESULT OF HOUSE BILL 2060**

This agreement is entered into between Clark County and the cities of Battle Ground, Camas, LaCenter, Ridgefield, Vancouver, Washougal, Woodland, and the Town of Yacolt for the purpose of creating an interlocal agreement for the use of funds created through the surcharge of ten dollars for each document recorded through the County Auditor's office to fund housing programs for extremely low income and very low income persons throughout Clark County.

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Legislature passed substitute House Bill 2060 during the 57<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session and Governor Locke signed the bill on April 2, 2002 and,

**WHEREAS**, this bill authorizes a ten dollar surcharge on documents recorded through the County Auditor's office for the purpose of providing funds for housing programs for extremely low and very low income persons and,

**WHEREAS**, Voucher Assistance Programs, McKinney funds, Emergency Shelter Assistance Program funds, Emergency Shelter Grant Program funds, Housing Trust Fund grants, Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation, and Home Investment Partnership Program funds have either been reduced or require matching funds and,

**WHEREAS**, HOME funds currently require a twenty-five percent non-federal match and may only serve persons at or below fifty percent (50%) of the area median income and,

**WHEREAS**, Clark County has undertaken an extensive public participation process to develop consensus for the use of these funds and,

**WHEREAS**, the Clark County Department of Community Services serves as the Lead Agency for administering HOME consortium funds,

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual housing benefits for extremely low income and very low-income persons living throughout Clark County, the above partners agree as follows:

- A. These funds may serve as the twenty-five percent match for HOME consortium funds.

- B. These funds shall only service persons at or below fifty percent (50%) of the area median income.
- C. These funds will provide for the following housing programs as developed through a public process to meet the housing needs of county residents:

**Capital funds for transitional and permanent housing:** Thirty percent (30%) of the funds would be used for development of transitional and permanent housing, including acquisition and rehab or new construction costs. New construction is only an eligible use if vacancy rates are under ten percent. The document recording fee revenues can leverage other capital resources such as HOME and CDBG.

**Operating funds for shelters, transitional, and permanent housing:** Forty percent (40%) of the funds would be used to maintain the current level of shelter services, provide operating subsidies to transitional or permanent housing providers, or rental assistance vouchers to private for-profit and non-profit housing providers.

**Creation of a Local Housing Bond:** Approximately one-third (\$250,000) per year of the available revenue, would be used to purchase a 10-year low-income housing bond. Bond proceeds, estimated at approximately \$2,000,000, would be deposited in an interest-bearing account for the purpose of land or housing acquisition. The land banking approach, made possible with the bond, would allow the community to secure property while costs and interest rates are as low as they are likely to be in the foreseeable future. This bonding mechanism would also assist Clark County, and the cities within the county, to meet their housing goals as outlined in the Growth Management Act, including goals for affordable housing.

**Administration of the fund would become the responsibility of the Clark Housing Review Board (CHRB).**

- D. These funds will be collected by the Clark County Auditor's Office and held as a single fund at the County to be drawn down by the Lead Agency (Clark County Department of Community Services) to be used for the above program purposes. Funds will generally be allocated annually.
- E. Clark County shall annually prepare a report on the expenditures and projects/agencies assisted with the funds.

Funds collected and activities undertaken pursuant to this agreement shall only apply to the portion of the City of Woodland that is within Clark County.

Parties to this agreement may request modifications to the terms or conditions of this Agreement. Proposed modifications, which are mutually agreed upon, shall be incorporated by written amendment to this Agreement.

CLARK COUNTY

CITY OF BATTLE GROUND

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Craig Pridemore, Board Chair

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John Idsinga, Mayor

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CITY OF CAMAS

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CITY OF LA CENTER

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Dean Dossett, Mayor

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Elizabeth Cervený, Mayor

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CITY OF RIDGEFIELD

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

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Tim Thompson, Mayor

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Royce Pollard, Mayor

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CITY OF WOODLAND

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TOWN OF YACOLT

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Jim Graham, Mayor

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James Robertson, Mayor

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CITY OF WASHOUGAL

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Jeff Guard, Mayor

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